

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 2, 2005

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC. FOR DECLARATORY RULING)	DOCKET NO.
)	05-00152
)	
REQUEST OF THE INFORMATION BUREAU, INC. FOR A PUC DIRECTIVE)	
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ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter came before the Hearing Officer upon the filing of a letter on September 2, 2005 in which the parties to this docket, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("Sprint") and The Information Bureau, Inc., request that the dates for filing of the briefs in this docket be rescheduled.

On July 29, 2005, Sprint filed a letter indicating that the parties had mutually agreed to file simultaneous initial briefs on September 6, 2005 and simultaneous reply briefs on September 20, 2005. The parties also agreed that the October 10, 2005 hearing date should be set aside for the hearing of oral argument. On August 11, 2005, the Hearing Officer issued an order adopting the parties' proposed procedural schedule.¹ On August 23, 2005, the date for oral argument before the panel was changed to October 17, 2005.²

On September 2, 2005, the parties filed a letter in which they report that they are engaged in good faith settlement negotiations. In addition, the parties note that the date for oral argument has been rescheduled by the Authority. Therefore, the parties request that the dates in the procedural schedule be modified. Under their proposal, simultaneous initial briefs would be due

¹ Order Establishing Procedural Schedule, p. 5 (August 11, 2005)

² Notice of Rescheduling Oral Argument (August 23, 2005)

on September 20, 2005 and simultaneous reply briefs would be due on September 27, 2005. The date for oral argument would remain unchanged. The Hearing Officer finds that the request to modify the procedural schedule is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, the procedural schedule is modified as follows:

September 20, 2005

Parties to file initial briefs with the Authority no later than 2:00 p.m.

September 27, 2005

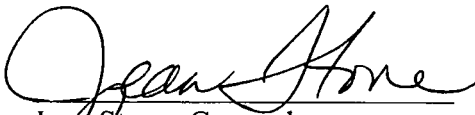
Parties to file reply briefs with the Authority no later than 2:00 p.m.

October 17, 2005

Oral argument before the panel will be scheduled for the Hearing Calendar immediately following the Authority Conference scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The procedural schedule is modified as stated herein.


Jean Stone, Counsel
as Hearing Officer